

**PROGRAMME OF INQUIRY
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	Who We Are An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human..	Where We are in Place and Time An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnections of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.	How We Express Ourselves An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.	How the World Works An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world(physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.	How We Organize Ourselves An inquiry into the inter connectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment	Sharing the Planet An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.
K	<p><u><i>It' All About Me</i></u> Central Idea As we grow, we work to get along with others and learn new things. <u>Inquiry into</u> - how children grow, change, and develop competence, but not all at the same time - what we need to know to get along with others -various ways people learn</p>	<p><u><i>Batteries Not Included</i></u> Central Idea The experiences of children have changed over time. <u>Inquiry into</u> - then and now - how play has changed over the years - how children play</p>	<p><u><i>Everyone Has a Story to Tell</i></u> Central Idea Stories provide enjoyment and a way for people to express their creativity. <u>Inquiry into</u> -what a story is -ways to retell stories -how to write down our stories and share them</p>	<p><u><i>One of these things is not like the other</i></u> Central Idea People sort and classify things to make sense of the world around them. <u>Inquiry into</u> - sorting and organizing common objects. -Identifying physical properties of objects - describing differences between natural objects, natural resources and objects made by people</p>	<p><u><i>Be True to Your School</i></u> Central idea Schools are organized to help people learn <u>Inquiry into</u> - physical layout - different jobs within an organization -routines and systems</p>	<p><u><i>Peace, Love and Kindergarten</i></u> Central Idea People's actions influence others and their environment. <u>Inquiry into</u> - strategies for managing conflict and conflict resolution - living and working together peacefully - seeing ourselves in relation to others</p>

1	<p><u>Families around the World</u> Central Idea Families have similarities and difference in our own community and around the world. <u>Inquiry into</u> - who makes up a family -how families are similar and different -how roles and responsibilities within the families differ</p>	<p><u>Home Sweet Home</u> Central Idea Environment, culture, and needs determine the design of people’s homes. <u>Inquiry into</u> - Types of homes around the world - Purpose of shelter around the world. - How environment impacts home design</p>	<p><u>Language Detectives</u> Central Idea Language systems help people understand each other and express themselves. <u>Inquiry into</u> - cracking the code of oral and written language - how all languages have a system -how and why we respect different languages</p>	<p><u>Everything Matters</u> Central Idea The physical world is made of states of matter with specific properties that can be observed and changed. <u>Inquiry into</u> -differences between solids and liquids - properties of matter and where we find them - ways curiosity and observation help us gain information - how matter can change</p>	<p><u>Won’t You Be My Neighbor</u> Central Idea A city is a place where a large number of people live together and do many different kinds of jobs. <u>Inquiry into</u> - what a city is - what different jobs are needed - connections between jobs - ways communities are organized</p>	<p><u>Insectomania</u> Central Idea The place in which insects are found provides them with what they need to survive. <u>Inquiry into</u> - characteristics of an insect - basic needs of an insect at different stages - life cycles of an insect - how insects interact in their habitat</p>
2	<p><u>Law and Order</u> Central Idea Members of society have rights and responsibilities to their communities and the world beyond <u>Inquiry into</u> - reasons why societies need rules and laws - my responsibilities as a citizen -the rights of children around the world</p>	<p><u>Roots</u> Central Idea Family heritage provides an insight into culture and the individual. <u>Inquiry into</u> -artifacts and past events that have meaning to a family - ways that generations connect with one another - similarities and differences of traditions within a family and between cultures</p>	<p><u>Tales Out of the Everywhere</u> Central Idea Cultures express their beliefs and values through folk and fairy tales. <u>Inquiry into</u> - the elements of folk tales - what these tales reveal about each culture (lessons learned) - the universal beliefs revealed through the tales</p>	<p><u>Rock Solid</u> Central Idea Earth’s geographical features are in a continual state of change. <u>Inquiry into</u> - rocks, the solid material of the earth - the changing physical features of the earth’s surface - Fossils as evidence of plants and animals that lived on earth</p>	<p><u>Farmers Market</u> Central Idea Farms and community gardens are organized to meet the needs of the community. <u>Inquiry into</u> - how to grow plants - how needs determine services - the interconnectedness of the community</p>	<p><u>Reduce, Reuse, Recycle</u> Central Idea People have a responsibility to conserve the earth’s resources to provide for our future. <u>Inquiry into</u> - the packaging for different products - how different materials decompose - the steps we can take to reduce, reuse, and recycle our waste</p>

<p>3</p>	<p><u>Because of Who You Are</u> Central Idea Past indigenous cultures contribute to present cultures and their sense of community.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - Cultures past and present - Contributions of indigenous cultures (music, art, recreation, religion, agriculture)</p>	<p><u>Giddy Uo!</u> Central Idea: People relocate to meet a variety of needs.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - Situations that determine migration - Obstacles people encounter before, during, and after relocation - How immigrants adjust to new surroundings</p>	<p><u>Hot off the Press</u> Central Idea Media provides a forum for informing and educating.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - the role and format of media in informing and educating (newspapers, magazines, brochures, web, data bases) - how the reader determines what is important in different media sources - how the media impacts and connects communities in the world</p>	<p><u>Ch-Ch-Changes</u> Central Idea Animals and humans continually change throughout the circle of their lives</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - structural characteristics and behaviors of different animals - how living things change - similarities and differences between life cycles in different animal species and humans</p>	<p><u>To Protect and Serve</u> Central Idea Governmental systems can protect and care for communities.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - the purpose of government services - how government systems help protect and care for communities - how people interact through local governments</p>	<p><u>Splish Splash!</u> Central Idea The availability of usable water impacts human activity</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - The water cycle and how it effects weather around the world - Water as a finite resource - Ways to conserve water (Other countries/self)</p>
<p>4/5 year 1</p>	<p><u>Lifestyles of the fit and Healthy</u> Central Idea A balance of nutrition, exercise and wellness influences human health</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - human body systems and how they work together for optimal health - what it means to have a healthy and balanced lifestyle - best nutritional choices to promote personal well-being - the concept of health in different cultures</p>	<p><u>Into the Unknown</u> Central Idea Humans explore the unknown to gain knowledge, resources, and power.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - Motivational factors behind exploration - Impact of exploration - Lasting effects</p>	<p><u>Express Yourself</u> Central Idea Human nature, feelings, beliefs and values are influenced by circumstances and expressed in many ways.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - what is human expression of beliefs and values - cultural limitations and opportunities of mass communication as a tool for societal change - circumstances and consequences of human expression</p>	<p><u>Mix It Up</u> Central Idea Magnets, electricity, mixtures and solutions have many uses around the world and continued exploration into their properties improve our world.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - How magnets and electricity are used throughout the world - How the scientific method is used to explore new ideas - How elements combine to make usable mixtures and solutions</p>	<p><u>Run with It!</u> Central Idea Institutions are established to maintain societal and economic stability.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - Societal roles in maintaining stability - Needs versus wants - Flow of currency through society (supply and demand)</p>	<p><u>Tech Time</u> Central Idea Technology impacts the relationships between people and provides people access to opportunities.</p> <p><u>Inquiry into</u> - technologies around the world - how technology leads to new technological inventions - how technology impacts personal and professional lives</p>

<p>4/5 year 2</p>	<p><u><i>Feast to Fiesta</i></u> Central Idea Celebrations reflect the beliefs and values of a culture and provide a window into what it means to be human. Inquiry into - Celebrations at the local, state, and country levels. - How various holidays (Independence Days) from around the world are similar and different and what beliefs they reflect - The various reasons for celebrating different holidays around the world.</p>	<p><u><i>A 3 Hour Tour</i></u> Central Idea Epic journeys connect cultures across relational and geographical boundaries Inquiry into - human, physical and geographical features of the world - epic journeys throughout history and the choices and decisions involved in making a journey - changes experienced because of a journey</p>	<p><u><i>Can you Hear Me Now/</i></u> Written, oral, and nonverbal language facilitates local and global communication. - oral and nonverbal communication for a specific purpose and audience - written communication for a specific purpose and audience - Organization and style of personal, professional, educational and business communication</p>	<p><u><i>Rise of the Machines</i></u> Central Idea Machines change the world of work and peoples' use of their leisure time. Inquiry into - an understanding of basic simple machines, how they work and their application - inventions of simple machines and their role in solving problems - consequences of simple machines</p>	<p><u><i>Art of War</i></u> Central Idea Conflict occurs when different needs, desires and beliefs exist in a society. Inquiry into - reasons for conflict - effects of conflict on human beings</p>	<p><u><i>Home Sweet Biome</i></u> Central Idea The differences and similarities of ecosystems affect life in and around them. Inquiry into - global biomes - how people and animals adapt over time to their habitat - changes that happen to ecosystems</p>
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